GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF LAPSED FUNDS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a request for releasing the lapsed amount of funds allocated under the Union Government`s Regional Integrated Forest Scheme and development of parks/sanctuaries scheme for the year 2005-06 has been received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the action taken/being taken in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the lapsed amount is likely to be restored for being released?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment and Forest is implementing Centrally Sponsored Integrated Forest Protection Scheme(IFPS). For the State of Madhya Pradesh, during the financial year 2006-2007 a sum of Rs. 79.19 lakhs was revalidated and an amount of Rs. 200 lakhs was released as IInd installment of work programe of 2005-2006 under IFPS. In addition, against the work programe of 2006-2007 a sum of Rs.125.00 lakhs was also released.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Development of National Parks & Sanctuaries Scheme, technical and financial assistance is provided to the state governments as and when requests are received in the form of Annual Plan of Operations (APOs) from the states. For the State of Madhya Pradesh, during 2006-07 out of total unspent balance of Rs. 132.451 lakhs of 2005-06, Rs. 123.633 lakh were revalidated against the approved items and Rs. 8.818 lakh were adjusted against the amount released during 2006-07. In addition, Rs.759.46 lakhs has also been released against fresh APO to the various National Parks and Sanctuaries of the state during 2006-07.